GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:255
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2017
Awareness about Cultural Heritage
Mahto Dr. Banshilal

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any centre in the country to spread awareness among people towards cultural heritage of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase awareness among people regarding cultural heritage and values of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 255 FOR 20TH MARCH, 2017

(a) & (b) To protect, preserve & promote various forms of art and to spread awareness among people towards cultural heritage of India, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis throughout the country. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to all these 7 ZCCs by Government of India for carrying out these activities and State/UT-wise funds are not provided. However, annual grant-in-aid is provided during the last three years to these ZCCs for this purpose with details as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	NZCC, Patiala	612.35	433.39	1412.50
2	WZCC, Udaipur	429.35	652.39	885.15
3	SZCC, Thanjavur	830.66	336.10	560.56
4	EZCC, Kolkata	537.36	456.54	813.659
5	SCZCC, Nagpur	544.19	319.61	1115.00
6	NCZCC, Allahabad	520.37	345.07	517.37
7	NEZCC, Dimapur	771.94	1431.78	1530.10
Total		4246.22	3974.88	6834.330

(c) To showcase and increase awareness among people regarding cultural heritage and values of India, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India has organized four Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) viz. at New Delhi during November, 2015 and October, 2016, at Varanasi during December, 2016 and at Bengaluru in March, 2017.